

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 261

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tennessee Technological University on being named one of the top public universities in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize and pay tribute to those remarkable educational institutions that have distinguished themselves as leaders in higher learning and academic discipline; and

WHEREAS, for the fifth time, Tennessee Technological University (TTU) has received accolades from *U.S. News & World Report* magazine's 2007 *America's Best Colleges* guide as one of the top public universities in the South, placing 11<sup>th</sup>, and has also gained recognition as one of the best universities, public or private, in the South, tying for 33<sup>rd</sup> place; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Technological University has a long history of being honored as one of the top public universities in the South, which is indicative of the school's attention to quality programs, exceptional faculty, and successful students according to TTU President Bob Bell; and

WHEREAS, the magazine's ranking system utilizes 15 quantitative measures of academic quality which include peer assessment, student retention and graduation, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving rates; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Tech's rankings indicate that 86% of the school's faculty are full-time, 47% of its classes have fewer than 20 students, and the student-to-faculty ratio is 18:1, while over 53% of entering freshmen are classified as having placed in the top 25% of their high school class; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to applaud and recognize the outstanding commitment to excellence in education exhibited by the administration, faculty, and students of Tennessee Technological University; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Tennessee Technological University on being recognized as one of the top public universities in the South by *U.S. News & World Report* and its exemplary efforts on behalf of the good people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.